

Ordinance 2015-08

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
COUNTY OF MERCER
STATE OF NEW JERSEY*

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 7, ENTITLED
“TRAFFIC,” SUB-SECTION 7-37-1, ENTITLED “REGULATION FOR THE MOVEMENT AND
THE PARKING OF TRAFFIC ON MUNICIPAL PROPERTY AND BOARD OF EDUCATION
PROPERTY” TO THE “REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF
HIGHTSTOWN, NEW JERSEY.”**

WHEREAS, the Police Department has determined that amendments are needed to Chapter 7, Sub-Section 7-37-1 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown, in the County of Mercer and State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. That Chapter 7, entitled “Traffic,” Sub-Section 7-37-1, entitled “Regulation for the Movement and the Parking of Traffic on Municipal Property and Board of Education Property” of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown, is hereby amended to read (deletions are shown as ~~cross~~-outs and additions are shown with underline):

Subsection 7-37-1 Regulation for the Movement and the Parking of Traffic on Municipal Property and Board of Education Property.

a. Definitions.

“Site Plan” shall be defined as the site plan dated March 4, 2002, which is on file in the office of the Borough Clerk and which depicts the Borough of Hightstown’s Main Street and Stockton Street parking lots.

“Main Street lot” is the municipal parking lot located at Block 28, Lot 56 in the Borough of Hightstown.

“Stockton Street lot” is the municipal parking lot located at Block 33, Lots 1, 11, 12, 33 and 35 in the Borough of Hightstown.

“Lot ‘A’” is that portion of the Stockton Street parking lot delineated as such by the New Jersey Department of Transportation on the site plan prepared by Carmela Santaniello, Borough Engineer as of July 28, 2004 and marked up by the NJDOT (Mark A. Hiestand) on July 15, 2005, which plan is on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

“Lot ‘B’” is that portion of the Stockton Street parking lot delineated as such by the New Jersey Department of Transportation on the site plan prepared by Carmela Santaniello, Borough Engineer as of July 28, 2004 and marked up by the NJDOT (Mark A. Hiestand) on July 15, 2005, which plan is on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

“Lot ‘C’” is that portion of the Stockton Street parking lot delineated as such by the New

Jersey Department of Transportation on the site plan prepared by Carmela Santaniello, Borough Engineer as of July 28, 2004 and marked up by the NJDOT (Mark A. Hiestand) on July 15, 2005, which plan is on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

“Lot ‘D’” is that portion of the Stockton Street parking lot delineated as such by the New Jersey Department of Transportation on the site plan prepared by Carmela Santaniello, Borough Engineer as of July 28, 2004 and marked up by the NJDOT (Mark A. Hiestand) on July 15, 2005, which plan is on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

“Lot ‘E’” is that portion of the Stockton Street parking lot delineated as such by the New Jersey Department of Transportation on the site plan prepared by Carmela Santaniello, Borough Engineer as of July 28, 2004 and marked up by the NJDOT (Mark A. Hiestand) on July 15, 2005, which plan is on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

“Road ‘A’” is that portion of the Stockton Street parking lot delineated as such by the New Jersey Department of Transportation on the site plan prepared by Carmela Santaniello, Borough Engineer as of July 28, 2004 and marked up by the NJDOT (Mark A. Hiestand) on July 15, 2005, which plan is on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

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b. General Parking.

All vehicles must park in designated areas and between the lines provided upon any of the properties or parts of properties described below.

Property
1. Main Street lot
2. Stockton Street lot

c. Time Limit Parking.

No person shall park a vehicle for longer than the time limit upon any of the parking lots or parts of parking lots described below between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mondays thru Saturdays, except holidays:

Name of Street	Sides	Hours	Location
Main Street lot	All	4	As indicated on the site plan
Stockton Street lot:			

Lot "A"	North and South	4	As indicated on the site plan
Lot "C"	East and West	4	As indicated on the site plan
Lot "D"	North and South	4	As indicated on the site plan

d. **Permit Parking.**

No person shall park a vehicle at the below-described locations unless said vehicle shall have a valid permit displayed. Said permit shall have been issued in accordance with the provisions of Section 7-37.1(h) herein.

Name of Street	Sides	Hours	Location
Stockton Street lot – Lot "E"	South	All	As indicated on the site plan
Stockton Street lot – Lot "B"	South	All	As indicated on the site plan

e. **Handicapped Parking.**

In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-197, handicapped parking spaces are designated on municipal and board of education property as described below. Such spaces are for use by persons who have been issued special identification cards, plates or placards issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles, or a temporary placard issued by the Chief of Police. No other person shall be permitted to park in these spaces. All stalls shall be 12 feet wide and signed with the R7-8 and R7-8P (Reserved Parking Sign and Penalty Plate).

Property	Location
Main Street lot	As indicated on the site plan.
Stockton Street lot	As indicated on the site plan.

f. **Parking of Certain Trucks, Trailers and Vehicles Prohibited.**

No person shall park any vehicle over three (3) tons gross weight (GVW), a school bus, or any other type of bus, recreational vehicle, camper, boat or trailer between the hours specified upon any of the properties or parts of properties described below:

Property	Hours	Location
Main Street lot	All	Entire lot
Stockton Street lot	All	Entire lot

g. **Tow-Away Zones.**

Any vehicle parked or standing upon any of the properties or parts of properties described below so as to obstruct or impede a normal flow of traffic or block entrances or exit ways, loading zones, oil fills, any grassy area or pedestrian walkway, or to present in any way a safety or traffic hazard, may be removed by towing the vehicle at the owner's or operator's expense.

Property
1. Main Street lot
2. Stockton Street lot

h. Stop Intersections.

The following described intersections are hereby designated as Stop Intersections. Stop signs shall be installed as provided herein:

Intersection:	Stop sign on:
Road "A" and Rogers Avenue	Road "A"
Road "C" and Rogers Avenue	Road "C"
Road "B" and Stockton Street	Road "B"

i. Speed Limits.

The speed limit for both directions of traffic on all roadways in the parking lots shall be 15 m.p.h. Regulatory and warning signs shall be erected and maintained to effect the above designated speed limit authorized by the Department of Transportation.

k. Loading Zones.

The locations described below are hereby designated as Loading Zones. No person shall park a vehicle in said location during the time indicated other than for the loading or unloading of goods and materials.

Name of Street	Sides	Hours	Location
Stockton Street lot:			
Lot "A"	North	All	As indicated on the site plan
Lot "B"	East	All	As indicated on the site plan

l. Mid Block Crosswalks.

The following locations shall be established as Mid-Block Crosswalks:

Name of street	Location
Road "A"	As indicated on the site plan
Road "B"	As indicated on the site plan

All signing shall conform to the current edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-198 and N.J.S.A. 39:4-183.27.

m. Permits; Qualification; Issuance.

A person seeking issuance of a parking permit for the Stockton Street lot shall file an application with the office of Borough Clerk on forms provided by ~~her~~ the Borough Clerk.

1. *Qualification.* Permits shall be issued only to:

- a. Residents of Block 33 and residents of those lots situated in Block 23 which border Main Street.
- b. Owners of businesses located in Block 33 and in those lots situated in Block 23 which border Main Street.
- c. Employees of businesses located in Block 33 and in those lots situated in Block 23 which border Main Street.
- d. Owners of businesses located in Block 21.01 which have no onsite parking.
- e. Employees of businesses located in Block 21.01 which have no onsite parking.
- f. Residents of Block 21.01 which have no onsite parking.
- g. Owners of businesses located in Block 54.
- h. Employees of businesses located in Block 54.

Proof of eligibility shall be provided at the time of application, and shall consist of: for residents, a valid New Jersey driver's license showing address of residence; and for business owners or employees, a notarized statement by the business owner, on forms supplied by the Borough Clerk, attesting to eligibility of applicant. Owners and employees of industrial businesses shall not be eligible to obtain parking permits under this subsection.

Permits issued to owners or employees of businesses located in Block 54 shall be valid only in the permit parking area leased by the Borough, located at 105 South Main Street, and shall not be valid in the Stockton Street municipal parking lot.

2. *Permit Period.* Permits issued shall cover the period from the date of issuance through the following June 30, except that no permits issued shall expire before June 30, 2003.

3. *Contents.* The application shall contain the following information:

- a. The name, address and day and evening telephone numbers of the applicant.
- b. Proof of eligibility as detailed herein.

If, while the application is pending or during the term of any permit granted thereunder, there is any change that would alter the information given in the application, the applicant shall notify the Borough Clerk, in writing, within twenty-four (24) hours after such change.

4. *Fee.* The fee for parking permits in the Stockton Street lot shall be seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars per permit period and shall be paid at the filing of the application. Such fee shall be prorated on a monthly basis if application is made after the first month of the permit period and the monthly rate shall be charged for each month or partial month remaining in the permit period.

5. *Regulation.* The issued permit shall be conspicuously displayed in the vehicle, at the time of use of the appropriate parking lot. If the parking permit is not conspicuously displayed, the vehicle owner shall be found in violation of this ordinance.

n. **Enforcement.**

Parking regulations detailed herein shall be enforced by the Hightstown Police Department and any parking enforcement officers appointed by the Borough in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 40A:9-154.7.

o. **Penalties.**

Unless another penalty is expressly provided for by New Jersey statute, every person convicted of a violation of this Ordinance or any supplement thereto shall be liable to a penalty of not more than ~~fifty-nine~~ one hundred dollars (\$~~59~~100.00) or imprisonment for a term not exceeding fifteen (15) days, or both.

(Ord. No. 2002-03; Ord. No. 2003-20; Ord. No. 2003-24; Ord. No. 2004-24; Ord. No. 2006-04; Ord. No. 2006-12; Ord. No. 2006-26; Ord. No. 2008-03; Ord. No. 2008-20)

Section 3. Severability. If any sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any persons or circumstances shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, or if by legislative action any sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall lose its force and effect, such judgment or action shall not affect, impair or void the remainder of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

Section 4. Repealer. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Introduced:

Adopted:

Debra L. Sopronyi
Municipal Clerk

Lawrence D. Quattrone
Mayor